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1. A method for processing sending information in a sending device,  
comprising:  
receiving at least a fragment of a destination address/number to which information  
is to be sent;  
cross-referencing the address/number fragment with a database assigned to the  
user to determine if the address/number matches an address/number saved for that user;  
and  
10 automatically caching the address/number in the user's database if the  
address/number has not been previously saved.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein a user must receive authorization before  
using the device.

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3. The method of claim 2, wherein authorization is obtained by logging in.

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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the user database is stored within device  
memory.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a saved  
address/number to the user if it matches the address/number fragment entered by the user.

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6. The method of claim 5, wherein the saved address/number was automatically cached by the device.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the sending device is a digital sender  
5 capable of e-mailing and faxing hardcopy documents.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a plurality of destination addresses/numbers and cross-referencing the addresses/numbers to see if a distribution list containing each is saved for the user.

9. A method for processing sending information in a sending device, comprising:

authorizing a user to access the sending device;

providing the user with a list of previously saved destination addresses/numbers

5 which have been saved for that user;

receiving at least a fragment of a destination address/number input by the user;

cross-referencing the address/number fragment with a database assigned to the user to determine if the address/number matches an address/number saved for that user;

providing a saved address/number to the user as a selection option if it matches

10 the address/number fragment entered by the user; and

automatically caching the address/number in the user's database if it has not been previously saved.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein authorization is obtained by logging in.

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11. The method of claim 9, wherein the user database is stored within device memory.

12. The method of claim 9, wherein the saved address/number was  
20 automatically cached by the device.

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13. The method of claim 9, wherein the sending device is a digital sender capable of emailing and faxing hardcopy documents.

14. The method of claim 9, further comprising receiving a plurality of  
5 destination addresses/numbers and cross-referencing the addresses/numbers to see if a  
distribution list containing each is saved for the user.

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15. A sending information processing system, comprising:  
 logic configured to receive at least a fragment of a destination address/number to  
 which electrical information is to be sent;  
 logic configured to cross-reference the address/number fragment with a database  
 5 assigned to the user to determine if the address/number matches an address/number saved  
 for that user; and  
 logic configured to automatically cache the address/number in the user's database  
 if it has not been previously saved.

10 16. The system of claim 15, further comprising logic configured to provide a  
 saved address/number to the user if it matches the address/number fragment entered by  
 the user.

15 17. The system of claim 16, wherein the saved address/number is obtained from  
 the user database.

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18. The system of claim 15, wherein the sending device is a digital sender  
 capable of emailing and faxing hardcopy documents.

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19. The system of claim 15, comprising logic configured to receive a plurality of destination addresses/numbers and cross-referencing the addresses/numbers to see if a distribution list containing each is saved for the user.

5 20. A sending information processing system, comprising:  
means for receiving at least a fragment of a destination address/number to which information is to be sent;

means for cross-referencing the address/number fragment with a database assigned to the user to determine if the address/number matches an address/number saved  
10 for that user; and

means for automatically caching the address/number in the user's database if it has not been previously saved.

21. The system of claim 20, further comprising means for providing a saved  
15 address/number to the user if it matches the address/number fragment entered by the user.

22. The system of claim 21, wherein the saved address/number is obtained from the user database.

23. The system of claim 20, wherein the sending device is a digital sender capable of emailing and faxing hardcopy documents.

24. The system of claim 20, comprising logic configured to receive a plurality of destination addresses/numbers and cross-referencing the addresses/numbers to see if a distribution list containing each is saved for the user.

25. A computer readable medium, comprising:  
logic configured to receive at least a fragment of a destination address/number to which electrical information is to be sent;

logic configured to cross-reference the address/number fragment with a database assigned to the user to determine if the address/number matches an address/number saved for that user; and

logic configured to automatically cache the address/number in the user's database if it has not been previously saved.

26. The medium of claim 25, further comprising logic configured to provide a saved address/number to the user if it matches the address/number fragment entered by the user.

27. The medium of claim 26, wherein the saved address/number is obtained from the user database.

28. The medium of claim 25, wherein the sending device is a digital sender capable of emailing and faxing hardcopy documents.

29. The medium system of claim 25, comprising logic configured to receive a plurality of destination addresses/numbers and cross-referencing the addresses/numbers to see if a distribution list containing each is saved for the user.

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